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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Secretary of State
Frankfort
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2012-419
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**RELATING TO THE REORGANIZATION OF THE
COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Kentucky's postsecondary education reform initiative is widely recognized as one of the most far-reaching significant state-level higher education reforms of the past quarter century in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as part of that reform initiative, the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) was created and established as an independent, non-partisan policy leadership entity reporting directly to the Office of the Governor, and on December 23, 2003 by Executive Order, CPE was moved within the Education Cabinet; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2007, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Postsecondary Education issued findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Kentucky General Assembly, which among other things, recommended that actions should be taken to re-establish the CPE as an independent, nonpartisan policy leadership entity outside the Education Cabinet with direct access to the Governor and leadership across state government; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the mission of the CPE will be enhanced by establishing it as an organizational unit and administrative body attached to the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes, with direct reporting responsibilities to the Governor and the Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet, all of which will emphasize the importance of higher education in the Commonwealth and promote greater efficiency and economy; and

WHEREAS, due to the non-ratification of executive order 2011-356 it is deemed necessary for the CPE to submit a new executive order for 2012:



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NOW, THEREFORE, I Steven L. Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS 12.028, do hereby Order and Direct the following:

- I. The Council on Postsecondary Education created and established under Chapter 164 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes is an organizational unit and administrative body attached to the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes. The Council on Postsecondary Education shall report directly to the Governor and the Secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet.
- II. The Secretary of the Governors Executive Cabinet, the Education Cabinet, the Personnel Cabinet, the Finance and Administration Cabinet, and the Governor's Office of Policy and Management shall take all steps necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

This order shall become effective June 16, 2012.


STEVEN L. BESHEAR, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Kentucky


ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES
Secretary of State

Council on Postsecondary Education

REORGANIZATION PLAN

SUMMARY OF PLAN

This Executive Order establishes the Council on Postsecondary Education as an organizational unit and administrative body attached to the Office of the Governor for administrative purposes.

FISCAL IMPACT

No changes will occur.

PERSONNEL IMPACT

No changes will occur.

NET EFFECT

No changes will occur.